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Crash kills Niagara woman

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One person is dead following a three-vehicle crash on Hwy. 3 in Wainfleet Sat-

Ontario Provincial Police. Wainfleet firefighters and Niagara EMS were called to the scene of the crash between Marr Rd. and Smith Rd., just after 1 p.m. The crash involved two

Volkswagen cars and a Dodge Ram pickup truck. A white Volkswagen Jetta was westbound on Highway 3 when it crossed the centre line, clipping an eastbound silver Volkswagen and strikon, said OPP Niagara Staff Sgt. Jan Idzenga.

The collision caused the truck to enter the road's south ditch, where it rolled over. The road at the scene was

littered with debris from the crash and the truck could be seen resting on its side. The driver of the white Volkswagen, an 84-year-old woman, was pronounced dead at the scene, Idzenga

said. She has been identified by police as Lillian Campbell, of St. Catharines. She was the sole occupant

of the car. People in the other two vehicles did not require medical attention, said Wainfleet fire Chief Harry Flagg. The collision is being

investigated by Const. Patricia Elviss of the Niagara OPP detachment with the assistance of the Highway Safety Division traffic support unit. Police ask any witnesses or anyone one with information to contact Elviss at 905-356-

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■ EDUCATION: Students will perform an 'in your face' version of U.S. anthem to start Indians. Red Sox game



Lakeshore Catholic High School students Matt Robski, from left, Rachel McCartney, Brooke Steckley, Stephen Malcolm and Josh Kudarian are members of the Gators' jazz band that was to play the American national anthem at the start of a game between the Cleveland Indians and Boston Red Sox on Wednesday.

and pushing them into store

tered among toppled cases

of water, paper towels, potato

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rity) screen," she said, noting

had she not been at the back

of the store she would have

been working near the win-

"It's a mess," said Kennedy,

Manager In-Ann Karnin-

chips and other store goods.

minutes after the crush

the "big bang."

Wood and glass was scat-

Lakeshore jazz band to perform at MLB game

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Lakeshore Catholic High School teacher Marco Miani was only trying to secure tickets to the big game. Instead, he scored a gig for the school's jazz band that the young musicians will likely never

Last fall, Miani began organizing a trip to Cleveland for students of the science and music programs at the Port Colborne school that was to include a visit to the Bock Great Lakes Science Centre. Hoping to add another attraction for the students during the two-night excursion, Miani called the Cleveland Indians to reserve enough tickets for all 50 students to watch the Major League Base-

A woman he spoke with asked if the school's band was participating in the trip. "I said, 'Yeah, they're probably coming," Miani recalled.
"She said, 'Do you want to

ball team play

was as simple as that."

He said school administration were "on board with it all the way," and Miani finalized the arrangements to scheduled the school's award-winning jazz band to perform the American National Anthem to start the game between the Indians and Boston Red Sox. Music teacher Loreen

Michalak said it's a rare opportunity for her students. See JAZZ BAND on Page 12

Truck through store window sends staff, customers scrambling

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It didn't take long for the drive-thru window jokes to start after a truck barrelled into an Avondale store in Port Colborne last Tuesday after-

Store clerk Tracy Kennedy was tending to three customers and set to answer the phone, when suddenly "a very huge, loud bang" interrupted everything inside the Portal Village Market store.

Customers scattered as shelving was pushed toward the checkout counter 'I freaked and said 'Get out of the way!" Kennedy said. "Everything was coming for-

Damage to the truck was A black Dodge Ram 1500 minimal and no one was pickup truck came crashing through the store's large sectional window, smashing into

It was unclear when the Firefighters, paramedics

two large ice-cream coolers and police were dispatched just before 1:30 p.m. An emergency responder backed the truck out of the store and into the parking spots that front the

plaza sidewalk. Niagara Regional Police Sgt. Bill Gurney said the 63-yearold driver indicated one of his Velcro shoes may have got caught up in the truck's gas

chick was working at the back "If he was going to hit the building, he hit the perfect "I could see it on my (secuspot," Gurney said, noting there was no structural dam-

age to the plaza at the corner of Killaly and Steele Sts. "It's a report for insurance irposes only, by the police. There's no driving charge," he said of the incident that took place on private property.

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No structural damage was caused and no one was injured after a Dodge Ram pickup truck went through the window of the Avondale store at Portal Village Market, at the corner of Killaly and Steele Sts. in Port Colborne. Tuesday afternoon.

store would reopen.









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■ TRAINING: NRP officers become certified cyclists

The cycle of policing

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These are no children's

training wheels When Niagara Regional Police officers learn to ride bikes, they learn to ride hard.

They learn to fearlessly manoeuvre obstacles, take the sharpest of turns and appre-hend suspects without skipping a beat. But they also learn the

importance of being able to engage the community while out on two wheels.

The police force typically hosts its bicycle training course, regulated by the International Police Mountain Bike Association, twice each spring and only a handful of the many officers who apply are accepted.

Its most recent session, held last week at the Welland training unit, had seven students who underwent 40 hours of theoretical and practical training. In total, 85 officers in the

service are certified. "We try to get everyone trained in time for when the big summer events start," said

course instructor Const. Mike Warnock, Bike-savvy officers can often be seen in the warmer months

at parades and festivals held throughout the region. It's also not uncommon to find them pedalling through downtown St. Catharines on

huse summer nights down the Twelve Mile Creek trails and through various Niagara "It's a chance to get out and

be visible," Warnock said. Citizens love it and so do the officers."

Community engagement is only one of many benefits

wheels instead of four "You can get into a lot of places cruisers can't," Warnock said, and "you can get through

traffic a lot quicker. When dispatched to a call at a nearby location, biking officers can take advantage of alleyways and other shortcuts. Bikes mean also being able to move more easily through

large crowds of people. It's amazing how stealth you are on a bike," Warnock said, but while adding there are always situations that are better to avoid when cycling.

The NRP's course focuses on traffic hazards, suspect apprehension, negotiating obstacles and mastering slow-speed skills. The cyclists are also taught where to place themselves "in relation to the bad

guy" while on a pursuit, Warnock sald Refresher courses are held every two years to ensure skills

remain sharo. "It's hard work, but you have fun doing it," he said. General patrol on bikes

is only done when time and manpower allows, he said. though there are certain units that are able to saddle up more

The NRP's school resource officers (SRO), who work with Niagara's high schools, spend much of their summer pedal-

ling through the region. Last year, a lot of focus was paid to Centennial Park in St. Catharines, once known for heavy drug activity and pros-

titution "We put our bikes down there all the time," said NRP Sgt. Chris Stewart, who heads the service's SRO program. "In the beginning, there there, a lot of drug activity, and by the end of summer there were people throwing Frisbees around and walking their

That on-bike police pres-ence helped to eliminate fear residents had of using the green space, Stewart said. "We gave the park back to

On bike, police last summer ere also able to catch people drinking in parking lots before hitting downtown bars in the Garden City. "They're easy to find," Stewart said. "And no one expects us to roll up on bikes."

"One of the main reasons why it's good is the element of surprise Word spreads quickly when

police are in the area, he said, which has led to less disturbances downtown.

"It's effective," Stewart said. adding the unit intends to keep wheels turning this summer. In July and August 2013, the NRP's cyclists brought in 47

arrests for various offences, many of them alcohol- and drug-related, issued 43 tickets and generated 100 police reports.

Through a partnership with the Brain Injury Association of Niagara, officers have also tive tickets - giving water park passes to children on bikes and skateboards caught wearing their helmets.

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Answering God's call

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t struck me that I'm writing this column on the day after the 20th anniversary of my ordination. With that kind of anniversary. it's perhaps not surprising that I've found myself recently thinking a lot about the idea of call.

I often wonder why I was "called" to this particular kind of ministry. I have little doubt that there are others who could fulfil the call better than I have or can, and when I look back at the course of my life during the last 20 years I'm also painfully aware of how often I've simply failed. Surely there were others? But this particular call was placed upon me. And, of course, there are a variety of ways in which God calls people into his service.

Deonle are called into children's ministries and music ministries. People are called to be missionaries or evangelists

Some people have a call to something outside the church. Whatever it is that you're doing with your life may well be the result of a call from God, and faithfully fulfilling that call by working diligently at whatever the call is and trying your best is a way of honouring God. And vet, I suspect a lot of us are hesitant to speak of God's call on our lives — if only because, like me, most people are very conscious of their failures and their weaknesses But then I think about the people Jesus called

directly, during his earthly ministry. Matthew 4 records the calling of Jesus' first four disciples - two brothers acts, so to speak: Simon Peter and his brother Andrew. and James and his brother John, Jesus

appeared to them and called. There's nothing in the story to suggest that they were religious giants of any sort; nothing that makes them

seem better than anyone else. They were simply called — and they responded to that call. And — perhaps this means the most to me - all four of them (the very first four that Jesus called) - failed in some way. Three of them deserted lesus when the going got tough and ran as he faced the cross, and while John stood at the cross with him he was a part of the group that sometimes wor n'ed more about their respective rank and importance than with simply fulfilling the call of Jesus. I guess what I take from the ston'es about Jesus' first disciples is that if they

weren't perfect, neither can I expect to be. But so many people struggle with the idea work in the world? So, listen carefully, God of God's call on their lives because they don't just might be calling you!

process for deciding which projects will

receive funding, and when they'll be built.

Projects "could" include GO service expan

to connect Niagara to Hamilton and Toronto.

a \$29-billion fund for transit and transportation infrastructure over the next 10 years. The

sion. It will "look at" providing more GO options

In other words, see McGuinty's comments

The NDP's platform calls for the creation of

party says it will also boost transit investment by

\$250 million a year "to kick start priority transit

It adds that it is "focused on prioritizing"

Scarborough transit, electrifying the rail link

to Pearson Airport, all-day two-way GO train

daily GO train service to St. Catharines and

service to Kitchener-Waterloo and "year-round

the downtown Toronto relief subway line,

feel worthy. They understand that they've let Jesus down - sometimes repeatedly - and why he would call them to any type of service is something they can't understand. But lesus doesn't call just perfect people. Let's face it - if the call of God were restricted to those who are perfect then the available talent pool would be pretty limited. The point is that all of us have something to offer to God, and all of us have to be alert to the signs of God's

call on our lives to whatever type of service it is. We don't need to worry about what we're called to - it's all important if it's a call from God - we just have to be aware that, at any time, we might be called. After all, if we're not called by God, and if we don't respond, then who will do God's

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A GO train

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OK, Niagara, take a chill pill on GO Transit

et's cut to the chase here. You're a dope if you believe promises made in election campaigns.

But then, you already knew that All one can hope to glean from the dizzying

array of proffered yows and the voodoo economics that support them is a sense of what political direction a party is leaning. If that direction and the manner in which the

road will be travelled find favour with you, hold your nose and vote accordingly. But let's get back to campaign promises. More specifically, those made in relation to GO train

service to Niagara. In doing so, I am reminded of a comment made by then-Premier Dalton McGuinty in

Sentember 2012 During an interview with The Standard, he was asked whether Niagara residents might see

daily GO train service soon. "I don't see that happening in the near future," replied McGuinty.

This remains the most straightforward and honest comment from a politician on the Niagara GO Transit file in a decade. That such frankness came from McGuinty makes it even more disorienting.

McGuinty explained that the level of ridership "becomes a very important issue in making these kinds of decisions.

I took this to mean ridership projections for Niagara weren't very high. However, the premier did offer hope.

"The issue over the long term," he said, "is not whether that service is expanded, but when it's emanded! I suspect McGuinty was reflecting the views of

the Metrolinx people who run GO Transit, and that there has been little, if any, change in corporate thinking since then.

Yet, that hasn't stopped lobbying efforts by various Niagara interests to speed up the process.

This is largely because full commuter train service is seen as the latest panacea for all the ails of Niagara, And, let's face it, we're running out of panaceas.

Naturally, with a provincial election having been called, local pleas for enhanced GO service have heightened.

Two of the mainstream parties have risen to the occasion. The other, the Conservatives, have demurred on any kind of commitment, asserting the province's economic house must be put in order first. Besides, they're too busy trying to defend their absurd million-lobs plan But how really committed are the Liberals and

Premier Kathleen Wynne was in Niagara Thursday, and said bringing daily train ser-

vice here is a "very, very high priority" for her government. Hmm..

In the Liberals' "Plan for Ontario," there is a promise to invest \$14 billion in transit and transportation infrastructure outside the Greater Toronto-Hamilton Area The Liberal



Niagara Falls."

What, no rocket service to the moon? Folks, if you believe Niagara GO train service will become a top priority for an NDP government in light of all its other pricey promises, then I know of some swampland in Wainfleet you

might be interested in buying, too. Extended GO train service will come to St. Catharines when Metrolinx determines it's a

But count on whatever political party is in power at that future time to take credit for the darision

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door prizes and live music by Borderline Proceeds from the festivities support NAFA's spay and neuter program, which helps low-income Niagara pet owners afford

"It's a fun time, a night out and a great chance to try vegan food," said Lisa Murray, director with the animal rights gro Come out to support the cause. Help

with the overpopulation problem. Guests will party for the animals, not with them, Murray stressed as no pets are wed at the ever

Tickets cost \$10 each and can be purchased at Pet Valu, 200 Fitch St., or by phoning 905-682-4970 or 905-788-1189. For more information, visit www. niagaraactionforanimals.org.



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■ HEALTH CARE: More than 65 agencies come together for document

Mental health charter launched

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There is now a solid foundation in Niagara to address mental health and addictions. Following years of work by local agencies. facilitated by Niagara Connects and Healthy Living Niagara, the Niagara Mental Health and Addictions Charter was launched last Wednesday at Welland Community Wellness Complex

More than 65 agencies have committed to working together to adopt and promote the ing forward. Katsof said. principles of the charter, which focuses on mental wellness promotion, mental illness

prevention and addictions services. The document's goals include incorporating mental wellness for all people in planning for the future and taking an inclusive, holistic, preventive, individual and familycentred approach for people of all ages, so all residents are able to achieve their opti-

The charter is meant to be shared, discussed, implemented and brought to life by local agencies, Rashmi Biwas, board presi dent of Canadian Mental Health Association

mal level of well-being.

of Niagara, said during the launch. "Someone might ask what did you do today? You can say, "Today I helped launch a charter that will change the lives of people in the community for generations to come

she told the crowd. The charter "provides a formal bridge between children and adult mental health services," which are funded by separat ministries, said Ellis Katsof, CEO of Pathstone Mental Health.

Niagara is the first community in Ontario to create a formal charter outlining the principles and objectives to support its residents

regardless of age, he said. "We're a leader in building this sort of framework.

Now that the charter has launched, it's up to the agencies to implement the document and follow through with its intentions mov-

"This is one step in a long Journey. The hard work has yet to be done. The charter is "globally unique," said Dr

Edgardo Perez, regional chief of mental health and addictions for Niagara Health System.

"As we move forward, agencies will have a guide for how they collaborate and create more integration in their services." The document is intended to help organi-

zations work together to ensure there are no gaps in care, Perez said. During the event, the more than 100 agency representatives were asked to come

together to discuss how they plan to implement the charter into their respective work places. For the full charter document, visit www.

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fire hall.

The free event, aimed at elementary school-aged children, included a variety of safety displays, a free barbecue, a bike rodeo hosted by Optimist Club of Port Colborne and an obstacle

course put on by Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services. Solar roads investigated Port Colborne is shining a light on solar-powered smart roade Mayor Vance Badawey

requested during last week's city council meeting that staff investigate the new technology. which recently made headlines. The roadways not only generate electricity, but melt snow and have embedded LED lighting that provide drivers

with alerts and can be adjusted based on road conditions. Badawey said.

"It's quite impressive," he said, asking that staff bring a report to a future meeting looking into the cost of the

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Niagara's future to be discussed

Niagara's future will be the focus of a forum planned for Friday, June, 13 at the Welland International Flatwater

The Niagara Industrial Association has teamed up with local Chambers of Commerce to organize the inaugural Building Niagara Together, an event that will bring together municipal politicians from throughout the region to have a collaborative discussion about the issues that are affecting Niagara's

Olympic bronze medallist Mark Oldershaw, who trained on the WIFC,

In a media release, industrial association Chair Roy Timms said Oldershaw's message should be "very

impactful" within the region.

"Working together will get us to where we need to be," Timms said.

Although there are opportunities for municipal leaders to meet with their counterparts from across Ontario and the country, Building Niagara Together will provide a structured opportunity for politicians to meet one another in Niagara, sharing ideas and discussing issues that are impor-

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pleted CPR training sessions for

years, but she had never had to put

her skills into practice until that cold

The man was sirlifted to Hamilton

Last week, the mother and daughter

received a police services board com-

mendation at the Niagara Regional

Police Service's annual awards cere-

I was still in shock," Christine said, "I

don't think it had really sunk in yet

awards to members of the public.

This event is important because

"After we were told about the award

The couple helped police pull the

Hoekstra, a teacher at Applewood

head.

line severed

arrived.

March day.

hospital for treatment.

mony held at Club Italia.

going to be OK.

Rachel added.

She immediately parked her car it recognizes our officers and it also gives us the opportunity to recognize civilians who have stepped up in

She performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation while her daughacts of bravery," said NRP Chief Jeff ter Rachel called 911 then assisted her mother by supporting the man's Also honoured with a commendation was the detective and the pros-The man in his 40s had suffered a acutor involved in a \$577,000 kitchen

major electrical shock, and was on renovation scam that bilked 61 people from across Ontario. Equipment on the vehicle extended Det. Dave Mander and assistant

Crown attorney Timothy Hill were recognized for their work in bringing Shane and Sandra Byrne to justice. The St. Catharines couple were sentenced to time served and house arrest last year in the massive fraud that saw homeowners from Whithy

to Waterloo to Port Colborne pay for new kitchens they never received After being charged and released the accused started another kitchen renovation company targeting vic-

tims outside Niagara. Det. Mander launched a new investigation and arrested suspects again. Also on Tuesday, police handed out three \$2,000 bursaries to Niagara stu-

The inaugural Cons. Dale Racine Educational Bursary is named in honour of the NRP officer who succumbed to cancer in 2012. Bursaries were presented to Kaitlyn

what had happened. We were more concerned with whether the man was Viney of Saint Michael High School, Kaye Puhakka of Eden High School "I was in shock when it happened," and Junelle Frances of Governor Simshe said. "I'd never called 911 before," coe Secondary School. The bursary is designed to financially About 110 awards were presented

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Five arrested, cocaine seized in Port raid

Five people have been arrested following a Port

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In May, Niagara Regional police began investigating the sale of drugs from a residence on King St.

As a result, search warrants were executed Friday at two King St. residences by the Welland street crime unit. Port Colborne uniform officers and the NRP's contenue with.

Police seized about \$1,500 in cocaine, more than \$5,500 in cash, a crossbow, a pellet gun that resembles a real firearm and a collapsible baton. Though some of the items are not illegal to own

under normal circumstances, with the evidence

gathered by police during the investigation they become weapons under the Criminal Code of Canada, police said in a press release. Five people were arrested.

are people were arrested.
Alessandro Pardi, Carol Pardi-Legget, Ryan
Roussel and Andrea Poulain, all of Port Colborne, and
Christopher Ridolto of Throroid, are each charged with
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they will never forget." Saxophone player and Grade 12 student Cole Macoretta called the gig "a

huge opportunity" for the band. We're all really excited to show our talent in front of a very large crowd," he

said. "It's huge for us." Grade 12 student Ryan Mullins, who plays the trombone - "the coolest instrument in the band" — said it will be his first time visiting Cleveland, and he's looking forward to playing a "very in your face" version of the Star Spangled

Michalak called it "a very good arrangement" of the American National

Anthem. "They worked very hard on it and it is strong and solid and they play it with just

tons of confidence," she added She said the band has had "a lot of successes this year," and performing

at the game "is just the icing on the The students were to leave for Cleve-

land Wednesday morning, and perform at the game that evening They're scheduled to return to Port Colborne on Friday.

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Robert Maxwell performing at 7 p.m. Thursday at Central Park; a parade Saturday at 10 a.m., which moves down Broad St., Queen St. and Lock St.: Saturday's strong man and strong

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Many commercials for food products such as cereals and margarines are advertising that they can help lower cholesterol. The goal of this article is to examine the evidence of the effectiveness of various natural health and food products on the market that claim to lower cholesterol Products that contain soluble fibres such as psyllium (ie. Metamucil) or oat bran are

known as bile acid binders. These products increase the excretion of cholesterol from the body as well as increase the breakdown of cholesterol in the body to less harmful products. Between 10 and 30 grams of psyllium fibre daily mixed with others foods has been shown to have a significant cholesterol lowering effect. Between 1.5 and 3 grams ner day of Niacin (Vitamin B3) has been shown to lower bad

cholesterol while increasing good cholesterol. In some patients, Niacin can cause skin flushing (redness of the skin) as well as itching. There are "flush-free" or "no flush" Niacin products available; however, their effectiveness has not been established Plant sterols and stanols often found in margarines labeled heart healthy (such as Becel

Pro-activ) have been shown to prevent some of the absorption of cholesterol from the diet and can be included as part of a healthy diet high in fruits and vegetables to lower Finally, some studies have shown that between 600 and 1200mg of gartic in three divided

doses can lower the levels of cholesterol and triplycerides (fat) in the body. Unfortunately, some patients report bad breath as well as nausea and flatulence when taking this amount of narlic. Patients who have been prescribed a cholesterol lowering medication called a "statin"

such as Crestor (rosuvastatin) or Lipitor (atorvastatin) can consider taking Coenzyme Q10. Statins inhibit the synthesis of Coenzyme Q10, which may lead to muscle weakness and impaired energy metabolism. If you have any questions about natural health products available to help lower your

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200 hires already made last year, with its

regional call centre employment numbers poised to top 1,000. The positions are for full-time and part-time "customer-serv-

ice oriented* candidates who are English-

French bilingual or unilingual English

It's not known yet how many jobs will be based at either Welland's East Main St. site

or the St. Catharines centre on Bunting Rd.

non Peters said start dates will range from

mid-June to the beginning of July.

In an e-mail, CTFS representative Shan-

Compensation includes a flexible bene-

fits package, profit sharing, stock purchase

plans and pay averaging \$20 per hour, plus

"It is a good news story," said Walter Sendzik, CEO of Greater Niagara Cham-

ber of Commerce. "And these jobs are very

much a career opportunity for people in

Sendzik described CTFS's two regional

He also spoke to concerns voiced by

some that fobs in that sector are some

times low-paying and subject to large hire

and layoff numbers as business fortunes

change and call centre contracts are gained

"Canadian Tire Financial is one of the

locations as a "great work environment."

facilities and services." Sendzik said "their training, commitment and environment where the employ-

ees work would rival any other large corporate entity in Canada. "They are skilled jobs ... they invest

heavily in their employees on customer service.

Sendzik said the jobs complement the Niagara economy and provide good employment in the service sector.
"The dollars they earn at Canadian Tire

Financial are reinvested in the community .. it builds a diversified and sustainable economy," he said.

A significant number of new hires will come through pre-screened candidates to be invited to job fairs Wednesday and Thursday in Welland and St. Catharines.

Additional hiring is expected through Candidates apply online at corp.canadlantire.ca/EN/JoinOurTeam/ and search for the Niagara Region Career Fair posting

Pre-screened candidates will be contacted and provided with an interview time. Once an offer letter is accepted, the employee will take part in a three-week in-class training session, followed by two weeks of job shadowing and support dur-

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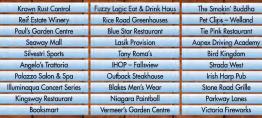
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